

MID 937

15 September 1944

Major General James P. Hodges,  
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Intelligence,  
Room 3-E-130, Pentagon Building,  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Hodges:

In furtherance of the approved agreement of service members J.I.C. for coordination of intelligence on the Japanese Air Force, MID has established an agency for the exploitation of related captured documents. This agency now requires assistance of personnel as agreed upon by the various interested agencies including your own.

Eventual personnel requirements for the exploitation of documents will be based on the volume of raw material received together with results obtained. Since proper determination of these facts will require several months of operational experience it is planned to initiate the undertaking with minimum personnel from each interested agency. It is therefore requested that AAF (AC/AS Intelligence) provide by 10 October 1944 an initial allotment of five officers, below the grade of lieutenant colonel and twelve qualified enlisted Japanese language specialists, to be detailed for duty with MID, to assist in exploitation of captured documents pertinent to the Japanese Air Force. Reports derived from the above will of course be immediately available to you.

Sincerely,

CLAYTON BISSELL,  
Major General,  
A. C. of S., G-2.

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Air Vice Marshal F. F. Inglis  
Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Intelligence)  
Air Ministry,  
London, England.

Dear Inglis:

In furtherance of our agreement for coordination of captured document intelligence on the Japanese Air Force, arrangements have been made in MID for exploitation of these documents in conjunction with analogous exploitation of all available captured Japanese documents.

Centralization has been initiated, by appropriate letters to U. S. Army and Naval Theaters, directing transmission of the documents and existing translations, by fastest practicable means, to the Military Intelligence Division, War Department, Washington, D. C. as soon as theater requirements for the documents have been satisfied. It is accordingly requested that you initiate corresponding action with respect to captured Japanese documents obtained by the R.A.F.

It is believed that, in captured documents, Air information is often so integrated with information on Army and Navy matters that initial separation of raw material into corresponding classifications would risk a serious loss to each. It is primarily for this reason that we plan the concurrent analysis of all classes of documents. I am transmitting an analogous request to the DMI for transmission of Japanese documents obtained by the British Army.

Sincerely,

CLAYTON BISSELL  
Major General  
A. C. of S., G-2